AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHY-AM LAL YADAV): (a) A statement giving the details is enclosed (Annexure). *[See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 61A]

(b) The targets and actual production for rice and wheat are given belowr

(Million tonnes)

	1985-86		1986-87		1987-88	
	Target	Ach.	Target	Ach.	Target	Ach.
Rice	63.50	63.83	65.00	60.56	64.00	56.43
Wheat	49.20	47.05	49.00	44.32	50.00	45.10

(c) Target in the case of rice for 1985-86 was fully achieved. Shortfall in the achievement of targets was primarily on account of adverse weather conditions during these years.

(d) Development Programmes such as Special Rice Production Programme and Special Foodgrains Production Programme which covers wheat as well as rice and distribution of minikits of wheat provide for assistance to farmers for increasing the production of these crops.

Procurement of Rice

1146. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated procurement of rice and wheat and the extent to which the target fixed were achieved during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for shortfall, if any; and

(c) how Government are helping the States to achieve the target?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) No targets of procurement are fixed, as rice is procured under statutory levy on millers and dealers and wheat and paddy are procured against voluntary offers by farmers under the price support scheme of the Government. Procurement of rice and wheat during the last three marketing seasons is indicated below:-

(Lakh tonnes)

Marketing Season	Rice (including paddy in terms of Rice	Wheat
1985-86	98.76	103.47
1986-87	91.56	105.36
	68.94	78.80

Inland Fish Production

1147. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the inland fish produced *vis-a-vis* target fixed in the country during the last three years, state-wise; and

(b) the assistance provided by the Union Government to West Bengal for fish production and what are the details of the other'assistance provided to increase the fish production there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHAYAM LAL YADAV): (a) State-wise inland fish production targets and achievements during the last three years are furnished in the enclosed statement. *[See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 62].

(b) So far, the Central Government have provided an assistance of Rs.487.285 lakh to Government of West Bengal during the VII Five Year Plan, for Schemes directly contributing to fish production.